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SUBJ: 29TH GA--THRID COMMITTEE, FRENCH DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
DEVELOPMENTS

1. SUBJECT RES TRANSMITTED BELOW (UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION);
COMMENTS SEPTTEL.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING THAT, IN ITS RESOLUTION 2450 (XXIII), IT SHARED
THE PREOCCUPATIONS EXPRESSED IN THE TEHERAN DECLARATION AND IN
RESOLUTION XI CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
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DEVELOPMENTS ADOPTED IN THE CAPITAL IN 1968, BY THE INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND ACCEPTED THE IDEA THAT SUCH PROBLEMS
REQUIRE INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES CONDUCTED IN AN APPROPRIATE AND
CONTINUING FASHION AT BOTH THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS
WITH A VIEW TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARDS FOR THE PROTECTION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS,

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NOTING THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVEMENTIONED
RESOLUTION AND PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS 2721(XXV), 3026(XXVII),

3149(XXVIII) AND 3150(XXVIII) IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH SIX--
THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES HAVE CARRIED
OUT DETAILED RESEARCH AND STUDIES
AND NOW ENVESEGE THE ELABORATION OF CERTAIN STANDARDS IN
THESE FIELDS,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT AT BOTH NATIONAL AND INTER-
NATIONAL LEVLES IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS INNON-
GOVERNMENTAL ORGNIZATIONS OF A SCIENTIFIC, JUDICIAL OR CULTURAL
NATURE AND IN CERTAIN SECTORS OF PUBLIC OPINION, THERE IS
INCREASING AWARENESS OF THE VAST PROSPECTS WHICH SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS ARE OPENING UP FOR THE ENFORCEMENT
OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOR THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT OF MANKIND; BUT ALSO THAT THERE IS INCREASING
AWARENESS OF THE THREATS TO HUMAN RIGHTS ALREADY CREATED BY
THE MIS-APPLICATION OF CERTAIN SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES AND WHICH RUN
THE RISK OF AFFECTING THEM EVEN MORE IN THE FUTURE,

REAFFIRMING THE PRINCIPLES OUTLINED IN RESOLUTIONS 2721
(XXV) AND 3150(XXVIII) (PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3) ACCORDING TO
WHICH AN ACCEPTABLE BALANCE SHOULD BE ACHIEVED BETWEEN
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PROGRESS, THE INTELLECTUAL, SPIRITUAL
AND MORAL ADVANCEMENT OF HUMANITY AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF
THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS,

HAVING TAKEN NOTE OF THE REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
DISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, AND OF THE
COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS,

TAKING NOTE RESOLUTION 2(XXX) OF THE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS,

RECOGNISING THAT THE ADOPTION OF MODERN TECHNIQUES IN DEV-
ELOPING COUNTRIES IS CREATING PROBLEMS WHICH FREQUENTLY
ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE ALREADY CONFRONTED BY DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES BUT ALSO SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OF ADAPTATION WHICH
THE VARIOUS INSTITUTES OF THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE BEGUN TO
EXAMINE,

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PERSUADED THAT THE EFFECTS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
DEVELOPMENTS EXTEND BEYOND NATIONAL BORDERS AND REQUIRE
BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SOLUTIONS,

1. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ASK THE SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES, IN PARTICULAR UNESCO, ILO, WHO, TO EXTEND
THESE STUDIES ALREADY UNDERTAKEN, AND TO PREPARE FOR THE
DRAWING UP OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS
IN THE AREAS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OR JOINT COMPETENCE, AND

WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO THIS RESOLUTION,

2. DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF STATES TO THE BENEFITS WHICH COULD DERIVE FROM THE ELABORATION AND THE ADOPTION BY THE APPROPRIATE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF MEASURES AIMED AT MODIFYING NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND PRACTICES TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NEW TECHNIQUES AND IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND OF GROUPS IN ALL SECTORS OF SOCIAL LIFE;

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO THE BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED FROM AMASSING EXPERT ADVICE, NOTABLY IN THE FIELD OF ETHICS FOR THE STUDY AND ULTIMATE SOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS;

4. REQUESTS THE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS TO DRAW UP A PROGRAMME (OR A TIMETABLE) OF WORK BASED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, REPLIES FROM GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER RELEVANT SOURCES, WITH A VIEW TO ELABORATING STANDARDS IN THE AREAS WHICH NOW APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENTLY ANALYSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE OTHER ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN APPLICATION OF THE ABOVEMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS AND TO COMMUNICATE THIS PROGRAMME TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS-----SESSION.

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